



Monthly Newsletter World Karate Organization

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1. Message from the Executive Director

Dear Branch Chiefs and Contacts,

Thank you for your continued support towards the headquarters' work as always. The World Karate Championship is now less than a month away.

I believe you are starting to prepare for your travel to Japan. It would be best if you could get ready early, reviewing the information sent from the WKO office carefully.

Although all the countermeasures against the Coronavirus are lifted in Tokyo, we are sorry for some inconveniences such as the cancellation of the direct airport shuttle bus from Haneda/Narita airport to the official Hotel. Your kind understanding and adaptation to the new situation would be appreciated.

As to the World Karate Seminar, please look forward to discovering the new campsite we have selected. The facilities have futuristic features and are conveniently located next to Haneda airport.

I would like to mention that the diamond sponsor of this championship will be the Zenza Capital Holdings Co., Ltd. (CEO Mr. Anthony Diaz), an international company based in Japan, which handles the mass market targeted virtual currency, "RYO coin". We have informed you in advance, as we are widely deploying the championship's main visual with their company logo on the side in our PR campaign. In addition, we are sponsored by more than 250 different companies and organizations. We shall create the best championship to respond to the generousities of these sponsors.

Lastly, I would like to add that most of the headquarters' staff are new personnel, who have never experienced the world championship before, but they are diligently working to support your visit to Japan, in cooperation with our official travel agency of this championship, JTB Global Marketing & Travel Inc. I would like to ask for your kind understanding and cooperation with them, who are tirelessly engaging in communications with all of you day and night.

This newsletter is the last scheduled communication before the championship. Please look through all the championship-related information again, including the past Newsletters once again. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you soon. Please have a safe trip to Japan.

Yasukazu Koi



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WKO Executive Director

15 September, 2023

2. Information for the 13th World Open Karate Championship

1. Important Documents

Please confirm the following attached documents.

- ① Agenda for the Board Meeting and General Assembly
- ② Financial Document
- ③ Access Map (in Drop Box)

*Other documents not attached to this Newsletter, will be sent later by e-mail or handed out at the actual meetings, and the agenda for the Committee meetings will be sent at a later time to the related Committee members

2. Corrections in Documents (in Drop Box)

Tournament (Match Number)

We have renumbered the matches to continued numbers throughout the days.

Considering the time between matches and the positions of the qualifying rounds, we have numbered the matches as in the tournament draw.

Competition Rules (Kata)

There has been a correction in the “Kata Category Event Outline” as follows.

【Tournament Format】

Incorrect: Kata will be performed simultaneously from 1st round to 3rd round, and one by one from the semi-finals.

Correct: Kata will be performed simultaneously from 1st round to 2nd round, and one by one from the quarterfinals.

Special Referee Team

There has been a change in Referees of the Japanese Region.

3. Visa Application

The deadline for the Visa application was Wednesday, September 14th.

JTB still accepts urgent applications (with an additional fee), but due to the work process (issue of documents, sending, and application at the embassy) **they will not be able to work on documents for branches who have not submitted necessary documents or have not made the payment by Friday, September 22nd.**

For those whose application got declined or could not apply on time, please send the Letter of Attorney to the WKO Office **by Friday, September 29th.**



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4. Flight Information & Hotel Request Form

Members in the attached list have not submitted the “Flight Information & Hotel Request Form” yet. The information is required to finalize the booking at the Tokyo Dome Hotel, so please submit it by Friday, September 22nd.

Please inform the WKO staff of the date of your email if you have already submitted the form but have your name on the list.

5. Ninja Wi-Fi

We are pleased to announce that Vision Inc., one of the sponsors of this year's tournament, will provide Ninja Wi-Fi (Global Wi-Fi) at a discounted price.

Please see the attached document for details.

6. No acceptance of WKO payments

To avoid any possibility of theft, misplacement, and complications during immigration, we ask that Branch Chiefs/Contacts refrain from making any official payments (Annual Fee, Black Belt, etc.) to WKO members during the event, and no exceptions will be accepted. Please also understand that we will not be able to take any belts and certificates with us to the hotel or the tournament venue, for the tournament-related equipment and items are of the highest priority.

【2023】 WKO Board Meeting Agenda

- ◆ Date : Thursday, October 12, 2023 14 : 00～18 : 30
- ◆ Place : Banquet room “Hourai” on the 5th Floor at Tokyo Dome Hotel
- ◆ Attendees : WKO Board members, Auditors, Executive Director, Advisors and Interpreters
 - Opening remarks and selection of Signatories to the Minutes

- ◆ Proceedings :
 1. Greeting from the 13th World Championship host country and raising questions concerning the tournament organization
 - ⇒ Tournament draw setting method and the fairness of referee composition
 - ⇒ Organizer coverage of the accommodation cost (1 person per country) from the next championship, as well as the maximum limit setting for the competitors’ airfare coverage by the organizer

 2. Whether to continue to restrain the participation of Russian (and Belarusian?) competitors in the international championships.

 3. Exchange between other Kyokushin groups (such as KWU)
 - ⇒ Participation to the tournaments organized by other Kyokushin group
 - Exchange with the various standing style martial arts such as Kickboxing and the participation to such competitions
 - ⇒ Kazakhstan branch members’ participation to the KWU tournament
 - Participation to the other KWU organized events such as Kickboxing

 4. Financial report and Audit report for the years 2021-22 and Budget report for the years 2023-24
 - ⇒ Increase of the outsourcing fees (due to the increase in number of Branch Chiefs and tournaments, Increase of the financial support for the World Championships, and other factors)

 5. Report from WKO committees
 - ① Technical Committee (Fujihara) World Karate Seminar
 - ② Grading Committee (Midori) Recommended Dan promotion and its approval
 - ③ Referee Committee (Kobayashi) Refereeing of Kata category
 - ④ Anti-Doping Committee (Naito) WADA code maintenance (or compliance?) and its obligations

 6. Holding of the 1st WFKO Championship (May 2025)
 - ⇒ Simultaneously held with the 8th World Karate Championship in Weight Categories
 - Extended application of WADA code

 7. Suggestions related to the World Championship organization
 - ① Increasing the weight categories for men and women from the 8WC (Proposers : Japanese region)

Proposed change	Women -50kg/-54kg/-59kg/-65kg/+65kg
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8. Reports from Headquarters

- ① Holding of the “Champion of the champions” event
- ② Others: International Regulations, GAISF and other subjects

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【2023】 WKO General Assembly Agenda

- ◆ Date : Monday, October 16, 2023, 10:00~17:00
 - ◆ Place : Banquet room “Aurora” on the B1 floor at Tokyo Dome Hotel
 - ◆ Agenda :
 - Opening remarks
 - Nomination and Approval of Chairperson, Nomination and Approval of Signatories to the Minutes
1. Confirmation of the number of votes and the formation of the General Assembly
 2. Presentations from the special sponsors of the 13th World Championship
 - ① Mr. Anthony Diaz, CEO of ZENZA Capital
 - ② Mr. Makoto Nishihata, CEO of Go Go Curry Group Co., Ltd.
 3. Exchange thoughts on the 13th World Karate Championship
 4. Report on items approved and proposed by the Board of Directors
 5. Financial report and Audit report for the years 2021-22 and Budget report for the years 2023-24
 6. Report from the WKO committees
 - ① Technical Committee World Karate Seminar
 - ② Grading Committee Recommended Dan promotion
 - ③ Referee Committee Review of Kata Refereeing and others
 - ④ Anti-Doping Committee
 7. Dissolution of the Board of Directors and release from liability, report of the new board member from each region
⇒ Election of executive members at an extraordinary Meeting of the board of directors
 8. Establishment of the WFKO and the 1st WFKO Championship
⇒ Combined with the 8th World Karate Championship in Weight Categories
 9. Call for candidate application as a host country of the 9th World Karate Championship in Weight Categories (2029)
 10. Others
Regarding the event “Champion of Champions” (Holding in 2024)

NPO World Karate Organization, Shinkyokushinkai

WKO General Financial Situation for Fiscal Year 2022 (1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023)

Yasukazu Koi, WKO Executive Director

1. Activity Overview :

It was the third year since the appearance of new Corona virus. The international community is gradually passing on from the Corona pandemic and the economic activities started to regain its normal status. However, the international conflicts, symbolized by the situation in Ukraine which was erupted at the previous fiscal year end, led the global price hikes in energy and food supply, as well as the monetary tightening in Western countries. Thus, the concerns of a global recession have increased.

The 7th World Karate Championship in Weight Category (Hereafter abbreviated as 7WC), which had been postponed twice due to the Corona pandemic, finally took place in Poland, overcoming the crisis in neighboring Ukraine. We could say that this exhibited the high organizational capability of Shinkyokushinkai internally and externally. Since the acceptance of the large transfer from the other Kyokushin groups in 2010, Poland branch dramatically grew in scale. By successfully hosting the 7WC this year, Poland showed their increased presence internationally.

At present, WKO has 103 affiliated countries and regions; it is approximately 1.6 times more than in 2003 (65 affiliated countries and regions) at the time we changed our organization name to Shinkyokushinkai. This number makes us realize how the organization has expanded.

2. Balance sheet overview :

The major topics of the year were the holding of 7WC and the Ukraine crisis.

In relation to the 7WC, there was a significant increase in the dan grading registration fees compared to the previous year, as a result of the Special Grading Exam in Europe region. On the other hand, we had the variable factors in the expenses related to the 7WC, such as the staff travel cost, PR video materials the production cost, and the tournament draw meeting expenses. In addition, we contributed the large grant for the financial aid to Ukraine. Other than above, the weak trend of the yen against the U.S. dollar has contributed to the bottoming up of earnings. Japan and Europe's share ratio in the total revenue was approximately 60% over in the years 2018-2019, and it has increased to approximately 70% over from 2020 onwards. As the Polish large transfer in 2010, we acquire more and more affiliations in Europe and Asia, and it is strengthening the income base further. We would like to see such increase in the revenue by the organization expansion in other regions.

(1) Net Sales: ¥57,000,000 【Previous Period ¥44,000,000 (+¥13,000,000)】

This year we had the increased revenue from the Dan grading registration fees as a result of the Special Grading Exam, and the weak trend of the yen against the U.S. dollar has favorably contributed. The income from

the Dan grading registration fee recorded ¥31,000,000JPY which is substantially beyond the highest record achieved in 2019 (¥25,000,000). (It was the increase of ¥11,000,000JPY compared to the previous year)

The number of Dan registration has significantly increased from 792 persons in the previous year to 910 persons this year. Especially, the registrations of the higher-ranking Dan were noticeable. The price revision of Dan grading fee made in January 2020 also contributed to bottom up the income increase. In total, it reached ¥57,000,000JPY, which was 30% increase from the previous year. The JPY/USD exchange rate as of end March 2023 was 1USD=134JPY. [122JPY on the same day of the previous year] In general, it is obvious that the income increase was benefited from foreign exchange gains from the weak yen trend.

(2) Gross Profit on Sales : ¥53,000,000 【Previous period ¥41,000,000 (+12,000,000)】

The purchased goods are mainly the belts for the Dan registration. It corresponds to the increase in Dan promotion. (32% increase from the previous year) The cost of sales is based on Yen and does not have any significant effect from the exchange rate. The increase in Dan promotions directly reflected in the result.

(3) Sales, General & Administrative Expenses: ¥35,000,000 【 Previous period ¥22,000,000 (+¥13,000,000)】

There was a significant increase compared to the previous year. The main variable factors were the holding of 7 WC, the financial aid to Ukraine, and the 7WC related video contents production costs as described as this year's special topics.

(4) Ordinary Profit : ¥18,000,000 【Previous period ¥19,000,000 (▲¥1,000,000)】

Non-operation income didn't have significant change from the previous year, and the operating income was directly reflected in the ordinary profit. As the organization expands, the income structure is becoming more stable. The ordinary profit reflected the gradual recovery after the Corona pandemic and the global re-initiation of dojo activities. Our income base has improved and although there was a sudden expense for the financial aid to the affiliated country, we could keep the same level of the ordinary profit as the previous year.

In addition, as to the loan, WKO has maintained a debt-free management, and the balance brought forward from the surplus profit reached ¥54,000,000.

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Audit Report

Today, as a result of my review of the financial statement of NPO World Karate Organization contained in this report, I hereby acknowledge that the financial statements are correct.

小泉 英明

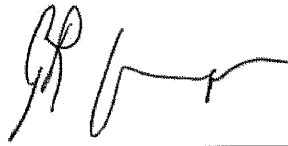
Date 2023/9/6

Hideaki Koizumi

原内 卓哉

Date 2023/9/6

Takuya Harauchi



Date 2023/9/14

Gilbert Cleveringa



Date 2023/9/12

Abdurashid Khidirov

**Members who have not submitted their flight information
as of September 15th**

No.	Country	Family Name	First Name
1	Afghanistan	Shinwari	Abasin
2	Afghanistan	Mohammadi	Zainullabedin
3	Armenia	Kspoyan	Murad
4	Armenia	Palyan	Zhora
5	Australia	Volke	Peter
6	Australia	Jacobs	David
7	Australia	Hall	John
8	Australia	Yahiro	Yasunari
9	Australia	Harisiou	Andrew
10	Australia	Kocic	Alexander
11	Australia	Athanassopoulos	Daniel
12	Australia	Ashrafi	Mujtaba
13	Australia	Moran	April
14	Austria	Kubek	Marek
15	Belgium	Michel	Martin
16	Belgium	Jacobs	Shanty
17	Brazil	Garcia	Rafael Cardoso
18	Canada	Porlier	Benoit
19	Denmark	Bulow	Jan
20	Denmark	Jakobsen	Brian
21	Denmark	Bjerrekaer	Julian
22	Denmark	Hallas	Samuel
23	Denmark	Lunn Jensen	Nikolaj
24	DR Congo	Tampwo	Ebete Gana
25	Great Britain	Heath	Alwyn
26	Greece	Kosmidis	George
27	Greece	Melikiadis	Otario
28	Greece	Ntamotsidis	Dimitrios
29	Honduras	Cubas Alvarado	Nestor
30	Honduras	Martinez	Rudy
31	Honduras	Gattorno	Egla
32	Hong Kong	Wong	Cheuk Kei
33	Hungary	Kaloczi	Jozsef
34	Hungary	Kalmar	Arpad
35	India	Abdul Shukoor	Asharaf
36	India	Kundu	Abhishek
37	Indonesia	Sujoto	J. B.
38	Indonesia	Subagijo	Mas Guffron Heru
39	Indonesia	Suyoto	Mario Christi
40	Indonesia	Andrianto	Deni
41	Kazakhstan	Baktayev	Bolat
42	Kazakhstan	Demidov	Sergey
43	Kazakhstan	Tarassov	Dmitriy
44	Kazakhstan	Kolesnikov	Alexsandr
45	Kazakhstan	Betirova	Zaina
46	Kazakhstan	Gridneva	Mariya
47	Kazakhstan	Salagayev	Andrey
48	Kazakhstan	Morozov	Konstantin
49	Kazakhstan	Zimarev	Anton
50	Kazakhstan	Kinzerskiy	Anjey
51	Kazakhstan	Mukashev	Yelaman
52	Kazakhstan	Kaliyev	Alimzhan
53	Kazakhstan	Vavilin	Maxim
54	Kazakhstan	Abduraimova	Dana
55	Korea	Kim	Il Nam

No.	Country	Family Name	First Name
56	Korea	Kang	Man Soo
57	Korea	Lee	Jiwon
58	Macau	U	Man Seng
59	Mauritius	Jeewa	Muhammad Moobeen
60	Moldova	Condrea	Aurel
61	Moldova	Barba	Alexandru
62	Nepal	Budhathoki	Surya Bahadur
63	Norway	Jensrud	Liam
64	Norway	Haugen	Per Steinar
65	Pakistan	Jan	Muhammad Arshad
66	Pakistan	Hadi	Sahib Zada Al
67	Pakistan	Shinwari	Muhammad Farhad
68	Pakistan	Khan	Hamza
69	Pakistan	Mughal	Muhammad Ishtiaq
70	Panama	Sanchez	Mario
71	Poland	Karpinski	Remigiusz
72	Poland	Dadzibug	Eugeniusz
73	South Africa	Daniels	Deen
74	South Africa	Zwane	Hamilton Mncedisi
75	South Africa	Shosha	Sanele
76	South Africa	Dlamini	Ayanda
77	U.A.E.	Thekkumchery	Bibin Kurian
78	United States	Shubitidze	Shota

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In Japan, it can be very hard to find free WiFi, since most of the country's citizens use their phones' 5G, 4G, and LTE connections. As a result, many foreign visitors find it hard to find places they can connect to the internet. According to a survey conducted by the Japan Tourism Agency, the "free public wireless LAN environment" was cited as a problem by many travelers. Allow us to introduce NINJA WiFi, a service that can help visitors overcome this problem.

NINJA WiFi is a mobile WiFi rental service that provides internet access to travelers visiting Japan. It provides users with a fast and secure internet connection, an easy set-up with flexible plans and pick-up/return locations.

Why choose NINJA WiFi

- Flat rates

The fee is fixed at 770 Japanese Yen per day, making it simple and reliable. There are no additional data charges, initial rental fees, or credit card deposits.

- Simple and easy set-up with a convenient pick-up and return

Begin by turning on the device and enter the password to connect to the internet. For even simpler connectivity, scan the QR code to connect to the device. If you're in Shinjuku, Tokyo, you can pick up the device the same day at the counter, even without a reservation. Alternatively, we can deliver the device directly to your accommodation for your convenience.

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<https://ninjawifi.com/en/receive/airport>

When planning a trip to Japan, staying connected to the internet is crucial. You can choose from several methods to connect, including free WiFi and prepaid SIMs, but we recommend renting a pocket WiFi device from a rental service.

Please use the link below to get a special 35% off discount and use NINJA WiFi for your trip to Japan :

https://ninjawifi.com/?pr_vmaf=l8DzMOhFn8